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DISAPPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROGRAMME

Legislative Council Motion Expressing "Grave Concern And Disappointment"

Government Policy Attacked By Unofficials

The origins of this motion lie in the profound dissatisfaction of the public with the housing situation in the Colony and—this is the important point—the apparent lack of effort to remedy or alleviate the position," said the Hon. Mr. M. M. Watson, as he spoke in support of a resolution placed before the Legislative Council yesterday by the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale and seconded by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo.

It is, therefore, rebuilding as opposed to rehabilitation that is the theme song of this motion," said Mr. Landale as he proposed his motion expressing grave concern and disappointment at the lack of progress in solving Hong Kong's housing problem.

The seven Unofficial Members of the Council voiced their disapproval of Government's handling of the problem and expressed their dissatisfaction with the Colonial Secretary's recent statement, which the Hon. Mr. R. D. Gillespie said "would have been laughable had the subject not been so distressing."

After the Unofficial Members had had their say, the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, Acting Colonial Secretary, moved that the debate be adjourned as the matters raised not only involved important questions of policy but were also of more than usual public interest.

He added that it was his present intention, during the interval, to give notice of amendment of the motion since in its present form it was in his view "unacceptable to Government."

Mr. Landale's motion reads:—"That this Council notes with grave concern and disappointment from the Hon. the Colonial Secretary's statement on 19th June, 1947, the lack of progress in solving the housing problem after nearly two years of the British re-occupation, and is of the opinion that:

(1) Government should regard the solution of this question as one of the utmost urgency.

(2) Government should, without delay, plan and vigorously pursue a policy of rapid and extensive building, both domestic and office, for its own use, and

(3) Government, in addition to fostering and, if necessary, financing, building schemes for civilian use, should actively encourage private building to the utmost extent possible and, with this end in view, remove all unnecessary Government impediments to private enterprise, and in particular modify its present unfair and repressive policy in regard to the renewal of 75-years Crown Leases."

Putting forward his motion, Mr. Landale said:—"MR. LANDALE

Theme Song Of Motion

"I bring this Motion before Council because it is the opinion of all my Unofficial Colleagues, and a considerable body of the Public, that progress in rebuilding as opposed to rehabilitating the Colony is not as rapid as it could be.

"Rehabilitation, as my Hon. Friend the Colonial Secretary said in his statement on November 21st last, and repeated in his statement at our last meeting, has proceeded at a steady rate, and it is my opinion that a stage will be reached fairly soon when all the buildings capable of being rehabilitated will have been done and yet the needs of the Colony are no where near being met.

"It is, therefore, rebuilding as opposed to rehabilitation that is the theme song of this Motion. In this respect I consider the answer given by my Hon. Friend the Colonial Secretary to Mr. M. K. Lo's question unsatisfactory and, in some cases, complacent and misleading.

In paragraph 8 of his reply reference is made to inducements offered by Government to owners to build new property, and particular reference is made to three inducements: The Inland Revenue Ordinance of 1947; The Landlord and Tenant Ordinance of 1947, and the present terms for the Renewal of 75-Year Crown Leases.

Complacency

"As to the first, I admit it is a small inducement, but a very small one. As to the second, it is only a negative inducement, as new buildings are excluded from the Ordinance. And as for the terms of Renewal of 75-Year Crown Leases, so far from being an inducement

Financial Schedule Approved

Legislative Council yesterday approved Schedule 2 of the Supplementary Expenditure for the year ending March 31, 1947.

Introducing the motion, the Hon. Financial Secretary said: "The Special Warranta set out in this schedule have all already been approved by Finance Committee and it is now necessary to obtain by resolution the formal sanction of the whole Council.

"Subject to anything unforeseen which may arise from the completion of the examination of the Crown Agents' accounts the present return covers all the remaining supplementary expenditure incurred during the financial year just ended with the exception of an excess in respect of pensions and one on the transport vote for which final figures are not yet available.

"There will also be the usual omnibus Special Warrant which covers excesses of a routine nature which were not apparent until all accounts, including the London accounts, had been dealt with. The greater part of the expenditure shown in the present return has been met from savings either under the same head or under some other head of the Estimates."

The Hon. Acting Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

MR. THOMSON IN TOKYO

Tokyo, July 3. Mr. W. M. Thomson, Director of the Supplies and Industry Department of the Hong Kong Government, is at present in Tokyo conferring with the economic and trade sections of General MacArthur's headquarters.

Mr. Thomson, who attended the recent United Nations Economic Conference in Shanghai, leaves Tokyo on Saturday for Washington.—Reuter.

China To Be Put On War Footing

Nanking, July 3. China's State Council—the highest policy-making organ—is meeting tomorrow to discuss a Kuomintang-sponsored resolution to issue an important proclamation which informed circles say would virtually restore Nationalist China to a wartime footing in order to cope with the grave political, military and economic situation caused by protracted civil war.

Informed circles said the proclamation, to be issued in the name of the National Government, is expected: (1) to explain that government is forced to step up military measures against the Communists; (2) to reiterate government is still prepared to settle internal disputes by political means if the Communist Party shows a sincere desire for peace; (3) to protect civil liberties and lighten the people's tax burdens; (4) to explain the government's economic measures for non-military zones.

The circles said the government announcement is expected to stress non-military zone economic measures, possibly enumerating new repressive regulations and re-introducing controls which were enforced during World War Two. All these measures were kept top secrets.

Vice-President Sun Fo today invited leaders of the United Press.



The photograph on left shows the rear half of the top floor of No. 16, Wo On Lane (Lane of Peace and Safety) from which over 10 men, women and children were rescued by firemen using ladders and ropes in yesterday's disastrous house collapse. Several bodies still remain under the debris at the bottom of the two aged wood and brick buildings. Photo on right shows bottom of No. 16 and part of No. 17. (Francis Wu Photos.)

A JOINT APPEAL TO EUROPE

Paris, July 3. Great Britain and France today appealed jointly to all European countries, except temporarily Spain, to join them in drawing up a joint European recovery programme.

In a joint communique issued after their two-hour meeting this morning, the two countries declared: "The task will be to draw up a programme for European reconstruction in which the resources and needs of each country will be coordinated in a way in which each European country may freely decide."

The following is the text of the communique: "The French and British Governments have reached the following decision with a view to putting speedily into effect the suggestion made by Mr. Marshall in his speech of June 5 at Harvard University, according to which Europe must take the initiative in the work of reconstruction.

"It is essential to draw up as speedily as possible a programme covering both the resources and needs of Europe. A temporary organization must be created to collect data on which such a programme would be based.

"The French and British Governments have accordingly decided to invite all the States of Europe, with the provisional exception of Spain, who desire to participate in working out a reply to Mr. Marshall's suggestion, to collaborate in this work to establish this organization.

Door Open

"The task to be undertaken will be to draw up a programme for European reconstruction in which the resources and needs of each country will be coordinated in a way in which each European country may freely decide. This offer of participation in the organization will remain open to all the States of Europe."

The joint appeal marked officially British and French determination to go ahead with the programme for European recovery under the Marshall plan without Russia.

The appeal was addressed to all European countries except Spain but neither the British nor French delegates here saw any likelihood of Russia's closest satellites accepting. However, the communique

RELATIONS WITH ENGLISH GIRL

Droitwich, July 2. A sentence of one year's imprisonment was imposed by court martial here on Werner Vetter, 21-year-old German prisoner of war, who pleaded guilty to having improper relations with Olive Ethel Reynolds, 20-year-old English girl.

The girl, who was in court with her ten-week old baby, and whom the German wants to marry, heard Vetter's plea: "Thousands of English, American and French soldiers marry German women, and why should not a decent English girl be allowed to wed a German prisoner?"—Reuter.

Cabinet Formed In Indonesia

Jogjakarta, July 3. Amir Sjarifoeddin, 40-year-old Socialist and former Defence Minister, today was appointed Prime Minister of the Indonesian Republic and undertook the task of trying to keep the peace with the Dutch.

The Socialist, Labour and Nationalist parties finally agreed after a full week of political bickering that Sjarifoeddin should head a national coalition Cabinet.

President Soekarno immediately named the bespectacled statesman to succeed Dr. Sutan Sjahrir who resigned last Friday.

Sjarifoeddin's appointment came one year today after extremists made an unsuccessful attempt to kidnap him.

Two party chairmen—Dr. Gani of the Indonesian Nationalists and Setiadjit of the Labour Party—were made Deputy Premiers.

Sjarifoeddin kept the Defence portfolio and Dr. Gani the Economic portfolio.

Hadji Agoes Salim, progressive Islamicist, now in the Arab League countries arranging for recognition of the Republic, was named Foreign Minister.—Associated Press.

CITY HOUSES COLLAPSE

At least four were killed and over 20 injured, including women and children, in the year's most disastrous house collapse which occurred early yesterday morning in Wo On Lane, off D'Aguiar Street running parallel to Wellington Street.

The tragedy was the 11th of its kind in the past six months during which period at least eight have been killed and over 40 injured.

Whether the roof caved in first or the wall suddenly disintegrated, causing the disaster, has not been established, but shortly before 5 a.m. yesterday the majority of the occupants of No. 16 and 17 Wo On Lane were awakened by a thunderous roar and found themselves either under an avalanche of bricks, wooden beams and mortar, or falling through space.

Confusion reigned until the police and Fire Brigade arrived. Risking serious injury, firemen started searching the debris, pulling out people trapped under bricks and heavy beams amid cries for help all round.

Children Rescued

More than 10, including three children, were rescued from the rear part of the top floor of No. 16, which did not collapse, by firemen who used ladders for the adults and ropes to bring the children to safety.

Four persons, an elderly woman, a man, and two children, were found dead under the debris and were removed to the mortuary. Of the more than 20 injured, 14 were admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital. These included eight children of whom one was a month-old infant girl.

What remained of the partly demolished No. 17 also collapsed, burying the inmates of the ground floor who were the only occupants of the building. Several bodies still remain under the debris at the bottom of the two houses.

The Weather

A weak anticyclone is stationary to the E of Japan with a ridge extending southward to Hainan. A depression centred near Peking covers N China and the Yellow Sea. There are indications that a tropical depression is forming over the Western Carolines.

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took care to leave the door open for Russia to reconsider her decision and join at any time in the future despite her flat rejection of the Anglo-French plan yesterday.—United Press.

Another General Arrested

Paris, July 3. Premier Paul Ramadier said today that General Edgar de Larminat, Inspector-General of Colonial Forces, had been recalled to explain a letter he wrote to a Magistrate and that he is not accused of implication in the "Black Maquis" plot against the Government.

M. Ramadier told a press conference that General Larminat would be asked to explain what the Premier called the "inadmissible terms" of a letter he wrote to a Magistrate in Rennes.

The letter protested strongly the Magistrate's assumption of jurisdiction in the murder case of Lucien Gatte, former Breton Maquis leader, whose release from Vannes Prison was to have been the first overt act of the "Black Maquis" revolution.

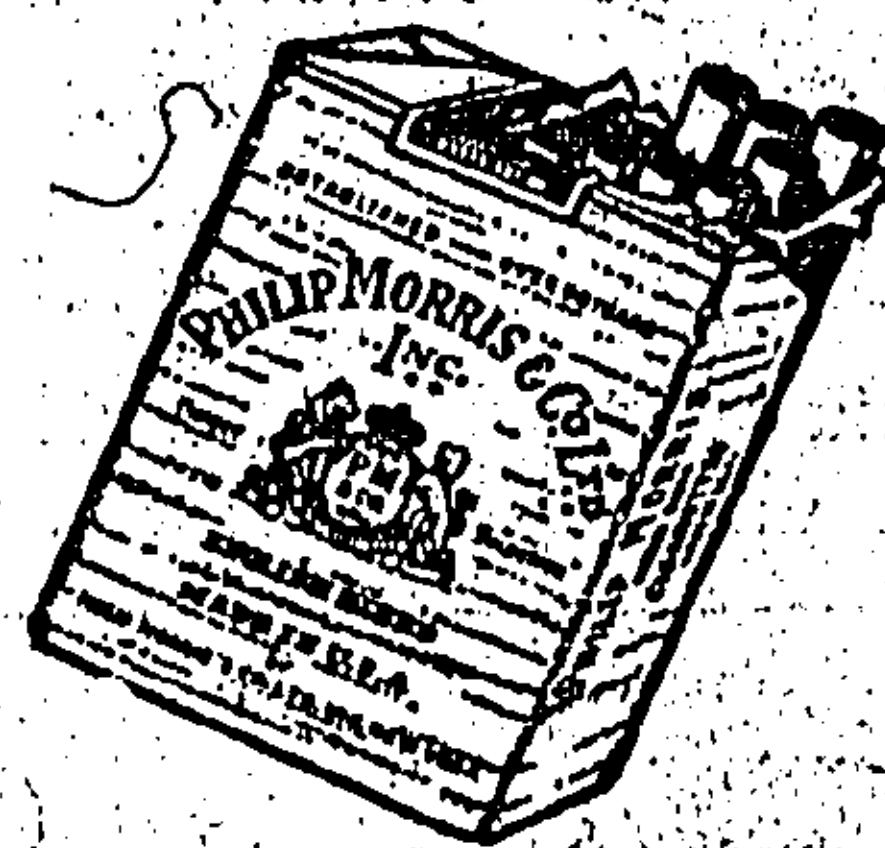
Emphasizing that there was no accusation of complicity in the plot against de Larminat, M. Ramadier added "For the moment nothing permits him to be incriminated personally. It is perhaps not impossible that certain members of his association may have committed acts of most grave imprudence."

General Larminat is President of a group of former Breton Maquis.

Meanwhile, the number of persons held in the plot grew to 12, including Reserve General Jean Casimir Merion, 64, who was said to have drawn up the "Blue Plan" for the march on Paris set by the conspirators for July 6. Although he has not yet been formally charged he was held overnight at the Surete Nationale.—United Press.

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Failure Of Paris Talks

Western Powers To Go Ahead Alone

Molotov Rejects Compromise

Paris, July 2. Russia flatly broke with Britain and France tonight over the Marshall Plan for Europe. The Western powers announced that they would go ahead alone, despite Soviet warnings that this would split Europe.

When the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, rejected the "last-chance" French compromise in the conference on Europe recovery, conference sources said Mr. Bevin, flushed and angry, rose and looked at M. Molotov fiercely.

"I regret that if we continued this beneficent work we must face grave consequences," Mr. Bevin said. "Well, my country has faced grave consequences and threats before, but that is not the sort of prospect which will deter us from doing what we consider our duty. Nevertheless, I profoundly regret that threat. Our policy is to dominate no one and to cooperate with everyone."

"We shall ask all the countries of Europe if they wish to collaborate with us. If there are any that reply in the affirmative, we shall perhaps be able to overcome the accusations which have been made against us, by our example, as we have not succeeded in overcoming them by our arguments."

The French Foreign Minister, M. Bidault, said and then equally firm, told M. Molotov:

"As I said before in the National Assembly and in the name of the French Government, the French Government feels itself obliged to pursue study of Mr. Marshall's proposals with all countries which declare themselves ready to work with it and in the hope that no refusal will be final and that with the help of reflection the work which is handed us will not be the product of an incomplete Europe."

M. Molotov at today's meeting—the fifth and last of this emergency conference trying to salvage Europe with American dollars—warned that the Anglo-French proposals would mean meddling with the affairs of small European nations and that the Western powers should think twice about organizing a bloc without Russia.

M. Bidault replied: "France rejects any charges of seeking to impose hegemony on other nations. The world is witness that she has done everything to prevent the division of Europe into two groups. France fully declines any responsibility for consequences which might result from the decision which she has done everything in her power to prevent."

Soviet Statement

The following statement was issued by the Russians:—"The Soviet delegation carefully examined the proposal submitted by the French delegation on July 1. The French draft, as well as the previous proposal of the British delegation, sets the task of drawing up an economic programme for the whole of Europe even though the majority of European countries are known to have no nationwide economic programme of their own. "With a view to elaborating such a comprehensive European programme, it is proposed to set up a special organization charged with assessing the resources and needs of European countries and even with determining the development of main branches of industry in these countries and, only after that, with ascertaining possibilities of receiving American economic aid. "Therefore, the question of American economic aid, of which, indeed, nothing definite is yet known, has now provided occasion for the British and French Governments to seek the creation of a new organization standing over and above

U.S. "Interference"

M. Molotov charged that the Anglo-French plan would mean American interference in European countries. "When it is stated in the French proposal that decisive rehabilitation of the economic life of European countries should belong to the United States and not to the European States themselves, such a position stands in contradiction to the interests of the European countries, since it might lead to a denial of their sovereignty."

"The Soviet delegation believes that internal measures and national efforts of each country should have decisive importance for the countries of Europe and not any calculations for foreign support, which should be of secondary importance. The Soviet Union has always counted above all on its own powers and is known to be on the steady way of progress of its economic life. "The Soviet Government, while favouring developments of international collaboration on the basis of equal rights and mutual respect for the interests of contracting parties, cannot lend its assistance to anyone in arranging his affairs at the expense of other countries of less strength or size because this has nothing in common with normal cooperation between states."

Mutual Respect

"On the other hand, the Soviet Union favours the fullest development of economic collaboration between European and other countries on a healthy basis of equality and mutual respect for national interests and has itself constantly contributed and will contribute to this end by expansion of trade with other countries."

M. Molotov said the Anglo-French plan, by including German resources in its general European recovery blueprint, threatened the reparations claims of Russia and other chief victims of Nazi aggression.

He protested that nothing was being done to expedite the setting up of an all-German government which, he said, would be qualified to take care of the needs of the German people better than anyone else.

"On the contrary, the policy of federalizing Germany is still being carried out in the Western Zones of Germany as well as in the line of action directed towards still greater separation of Western German territories from the rest of Germany, a fact which is incompatible with the genuine restoration of Germany as a united democracy state, forming part of the European family of peace-loving nations," United Press.

Mr. Bevin

Mr. Bevin, addressing the conference after his colleagues

DR. LIE WORRIED

Lake Success, N.Y., July 2. The United Nations Secretary-General, Dr. Trygve Lie, deplored the break-up of the Paris conference, asserting that he could not believe the last word had been said on the subject. "Obviously disturbed, Dr. Lie pledged United Nations' readiness to help implement the matter," United Press.

had spoken, said that M. Molotov's remarks were based on a complete travesty of the facts and a complete misrepresentation of everything the British Government had submitted during the meeting.

He said that he supposed the method was to go on repeating these misrepresentations in the hope that someone would at last believe them. Britain would continue to strive for the unity of Europe.

Mr. Bevin said that from the beginning of the conference he had seen in the Marshall proposal a way to secure quickly the rehabilitation and independence of Europe, not a way to undermining it; to make Europe free, not to provide for the domination of any one state.

When the meeting began, he had hoped that all three of them would be able, jointly, to give Europe a lead, to cooperate in finding a way to put the continent on its feet again. That had not proved to be the case, and Britain would continue to strive for the unity of Europe, for the independence of Europe and for the independence of its national units.—Reuter.

LIFE SENTENCES CONFIRMED

Jerusalem, July 2. Sentences of life imprisonment passed by a Palestine military court on June 6 last on two Jewish terrorists caught carrying arms and ammunition were confirmed today by Lieutenant General G. H. A. MacMillan, GOC Palestine, it was officially stated here.

The terrorists—Avraham Madar and Shalom Ben Masary—were caught after an attack on the railway line at Benayamin, northern Palestine, on May 14.—Reuter.

Marshall Plan Still Holds Good

Geneva, July 2. The Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Clayton, indicated on Wednesday night that the United States will stand by the Marshall plan despite Russia's refusal to co-operate with Britain and France in planning Europe's rehabilitation.

Clayton first asserted that the Marshall plan would go on if necessary without Russia at a press conference this morning. Clayton told newsmen that Soviet participation is desirable but added:—"If any one nation should, however, decide to stay out, the Marshall plan could nevertheless be applied."

After word was received here of Russia's refusal to join the British and French in drafting a rehabilitation programme, Clayton told the United Press that he stood by his press conference remarks and had nothing to add.

He has already refuted suggestions that the Marshall plan would split Europe. That possibility had been suggested earlier by Professor Gunnar Myrdal, executive secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, on his return last week from a visit to Moscow.—United Press.

"Violation Of Basic Civil Liberties"

New York, July 2.

The Left Wing "Committee for Democratic Eastern Policy" reported today that Dr. Ernest G. Osborne, who returned to New York last week after nine months in China, denounced the "violation of basic civil liberties in China" and urged Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to "use his good offices" to obtain the release of a girl reporter employed by the Shanghai daily "Wen Hui Pao."

Osborne, professor of education at the Teachers College of Columbia University, reported that Joanna Mai, 23, was seized by the Chinese secret police in her home on May 30 shortly after the suppression of the newspaper. Miss Mai, who covered

student activities for the "Wen Hui Pao," was accused of being a Communist. "I knew her as a completely non-political, devout Christian and Sunday school teacher," Osborne said.

The Committee quoted Osborne as saying:—"At a time when the Chinese government is seeking loans, Chinese leaders should be aware that the American public opinion strongly disapproves this violation of basic civil liberties. "The arrest without formal charges and imprisonment without trial of a young girl is not an evidence of a democratic government," United Press.

New Mv. For Pacific Run

San Francisco, July 3. The Sals-Skaugen Line will add a new motorship to its service between the United States West Coast and the Orient late this year, according to the Inver-ocean Steamship Corporation, the Pacific Coast managing operator for the line, on Wednesday. The vessel, with accommodation for 12 passengers, will be of 10,000 tons deadweight, and have a speed of 16 knots. The line also has contracted for the construction of two 9,000-ton motorships for delivery next year, the company said.—Associated Press.

CUSTOMS UNION

The Hague, July 2. When the Dutch Chamber today passed the Bill establishing a Customs Union between the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, the Minister of Finance, Professor Plof Liefstick, declared this was a promising start for European economic cooperation. The Communists opposed the bill on the grounds that it reflected "American influence."—Reuter.

Washington, July 2. A United States official said today that the U.S. Government has set aside two cargoes totalling 10,000 tons of coal for shipment to Austria in July or August.—United Press.

DALTON SAYS: "FOOD BEFORE FILMS"

London, July 2.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, tonight tabled his expected resolution asking power from Parliament to levy an excise duty on the earning capacity of films imported for exhibition in Britain. The resolution was agreed to without a division.

His new slogan, he said, was "Food before Films," because the dollar drain for films had risen from about £7,000,000 to between £17,000,000 and £18,000,000 over the last year or two.

Mr. Dalton explained that the Customs Office would levy a duty at a rate to be determined by the Government on the estimated earning capacity of the film in Britain. When the film had its run, the estimate would be corrected in relation to the actual earnings.

He emphasised that much thought had been given to this matter, and various alternatives had been investigated. Mr. Oliver Stanley (Conservative) the former Colonial Secretary, declared that this procedure, which "touches a great industry and the enjoyment of many millions in a wholly novel way," was unprecedented in Britain's fiscal history.

Agreeing with Mr. Dalton that the debate should be postponed until the necessary amendment to the Finance Bill (Budget) was moved, Mr. Stanley said, his silence now did not mean his acquiescence.

Mr. T. O'Brien (Labour), the General Secretary of the National Association of Theatrical and Kine Employees, asked if Mr. Dalton had considered the serious damage this move would do to the British Film Industry. Consultation with American and British film interests and labour, he said, might allay bitterness.

There was a feeling, he said, that Mr. Dalton had acted in a high-handed manner.

News Reels

Answering questions Mr. Dalton said that news reels would be technically within the scope of the new legislation, but the Government did not intend to impose any duty in this field.

He assured Mr. O'Brien that

"Red Star" On "Fairy Tales"

Moscow, July 3.

An article in the "Red Star" states that U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Collins, in a speech at the Reserve Officers' Association, gave an "exaggerated impression of the Soviet Union armed forces" while minimising the United States Army strength.

The article added: "It is common knowledge today that there is no other state in the world which spends so much effort and money on maintaining its armed forces, on creating new types of armament and on other articles of military budget as the United States." The War Department demands one-third of the total United States budget.

"Red Star" said Gen. Collins' references to the Soviet Army were "fairy tales which are impossible to back up by any real actual facts."

Referring to Gen. Collins' references to United States' unpreparedness in the last war, the article said:

"The delay was the result of the position of many extremely influential persons in the United States who were not interested in the defeat of German Imperialism and Fascism and who did all they could to retard the development of the United States war potential."—United Press.

NIEMAN FELLOWSHIPS

Boston, July 3.

Harvard University announces that 11 newspaper workers, including two women, three foreign correspondents and three labour reporters, have received Nieman Fellowships for the next college year, starting in September.

Included are Walter G. Rundle, China manager of United Press, who is to study political economy and international relations, and Robert M. Shaplen, chief of "News Week's" Shanghai Bureau, who will study China and South-east Asia.—United Press.

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Global Air Force Headaches

London, July 2.

The difficulties besetting the vital problem of global air force figures under the Security Council of the UNO and the necessity of a satisfactory solution were stressed by Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park, former Allied commander-in-chief in Southeast Asia, when he spoke today on Empire Defence to the British Empire Ex-Servicemen delegates attending the British Empire League conference now being held in London.

"These global figures are now being discussed and they are providing headaches," he said. He continued:

"The question is what figure shall be provided by the 'Big Boys'—for allocation as between, for example, America and Russia, and, between Russia and ourselves? Who is to command the global forces? Where are the quarters going to be located? These problems of international security must be tackled and studied and some sensible method of stabilising the global position found. "It is absolutely vital that we

push our scientific research and technical development, that money and resources must be allocated. The first requirement in the strategic sphere for the Commonwealth is to have at home and in the Dominions properly balanced air forces. "General MacArthur made use of his land-based air force better than any military commander. He saved thousands of sailors' and soldiers' lives. Admiral Mountbatten was one of our sailors who realised the potentialities of air power and in the Burma campaign he staked on air support."

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members are invited to attend.

P. S. INGHAM,
Hon. Rugby Secretary.

NOTICE

Owing to the Indepen-
dence Day celebrations
to be held on Friday,
July 4, the Vicar
General of the Catholic
Mission grants dispen-
sation from abstinence
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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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V. KENIFF,

Director of Public Works.

Hong Kong, 27th June, 1947.

POLICE NOTICE

VEHICLE AND ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1947

1. As from the 1st July, 1947 the following Vehicle and
Drivers Licences are due for renewal:—

1ST JULY

DRIVERS	FEE
Motor Vehicles	\$ 5.00
Bus Conductors	1.00
Hand Truck	.50 Cts.
VEHICLES	
Private Cars:	
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Over 15 but not over 20 cwt.	72.00
Over 20 but not over 25 cwt.	90.00
Over 25 but not over 30 cwt.	108.00
Over 30 but not over 40 cwt.	144.00
Over 40 cwt.	180.00
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Solo	\$ 18.00
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Over 30 but not over 45 cwt.	135.00
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Over 60 but not over 90 cwt.	360.00
Over 90 cwt.	600.00
ANY OTHER COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES	
Over 15 but not over 50 cwt.	\$405.00
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Handtrucks	\$ 48.00

2. All holders of licences to drive motor vehicles, if they
have not already done so, must produce two passport size
photographs at the time of applying for the renewal of their
driver's licences.

3. Warning is hereby given that all applications for renewal of
licences must be made before 31st July, 1947, after which action
against persons not in possession of valid licences may be taken.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1947.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Sealed
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chow," will be received at the
office of the Administrative De-
partment of CNRRA Kowloon
Supply Office, 803 Bank of East
Asia Building, before noon on
7th July 1947.

Forms of Tender, specification
and further particulars may be
obtained from the above-men-
tioned address.

The CNRRA Kowloon Supply
Office does not bind itself to
accept the lowest or any tender,
and reserves the right to accept
all or any part of each tender.

K. C. TSANG,
Manager.

CNRRA Kowloon Supply Office.

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Bank of East Asia Building,
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the above mentioned office.

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K. C. TSANG,
Manager.

CNRRA Kowloon Supply Office.

POLICE NOTICE DOGS

1. DOG ON BEACHES

The attention of the Public is
drawn to Ordinance No. 29 of
1936, which regulates Pleasure
grounds, Bathing places and
places of public resort. Under
the First Schedule to the
Ordinance, and by Regulation
1 (2) of the Bathing Places
Regulations, made thereunder,
Dogs are prohibited upon the
beach and in the water over or
near the beach.

The reason for bringing this
matter to the notice of the
public, is so as to invite their
co-operation in avoiding the
spread of rabies, which is an
ever prevalent danger in the
Colony. Beaches are crowded
in the summer months, and a
rabid dog could do untold harm
besides being a very grave
danger.

2. DOGS TO BE MUZZLED OR ON A LEAD

Regulation 21(2) of the Re-
gulations of Hong Kong No. 21
of 1927 made under Ordinance
21 of 1927 is also brought to
the notice of the public for the
same reason as stated above.
It states:—

"No dog shall be allowed to
go abroad in the public
thoroughfares or elsewhere
unless it is either muzzled or
on the lead, and any dog
found abroad in the public
thoroughfares or elsewhere
which is neither muzzled
nor on the lead may be
captured and detained, or
may be shot or otherwise
destroyed, by any police
officer or by any person
authorized by the Commis-
sioner of Police."

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
Hong Kong, 3rd July, 1947.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

For information of Ship
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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED
THAT TUESDAY, 1ST JULY,
1947, HAS BEEN DECLARED
A WEATHER-NON-WORKING
DAY.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hong Kong, 2nd July, 1947.

Why Postal Fees Are Still High

London, July 2.
Squaring demands for telephones, telegraph ser-
vices and postal services while wages increase
and repairs to deteriorated equipment, plant
and machinery are held up by the lack of ma-
terials and manpower, have made reductions
in postal charges and removal of the wartime
surtax in telephone calls and telegrams im-
possible. Postmaster General Wilfrid Paling
told the House of Commons today.

Speaking in a debate on the
Post Office, initiated by the
Opposition, Mr. Paling said his
department last year handled
7,000,000,000 letters, 139,
000,000 parcels, 52,000,000
telegrams and 2,600,000,000
telephone calls. The volume of
telegrams and phone calls was
bigger than before the war.

In reply to the opposition's
criticism that the Government
had failed to show initiative to
improve the postal services, or
to return to pre-war improve-
ments abandoned early in the
war, Mr. Paling said that lack
of night flying equipment was
holding up the development of
a reliable all-night postal ser-
vice across Britain.

Helicopters, of which there
were only a few in Britain,
must make advances in speed
and mail carrying capacity be-
fore they would be worthwhile.
It would cost \$16,000,000 to
return to the pre-war telephone
rates, Mr. Paling said.

Great Strides

In the two years since the
end of the war, the post office
had made great strides with
telephone installations—a
record of 800,000 last year.
Britain's telephone total, he
said, was now 4,550,000, one
million more than before the
war.

Telephones would go into
British homes and offices this
year at the rate of 50,000 or
60,000 a month.

Britain was ready to improve
her cable services with a new
"submarine repeater," already
incorporated in a new cable line
to Germany, and ready for in-

BRITAIN FACING FURTHER DRASTIC IMPORT CUTS

London, July 2.
A serious warning that the British people must be
ready to face the possibility of still more drastic
cuts in imports, was issued today by Mr.
Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Coun-
cil and Minister responsible for economic
planning.

"There is not the slightest need for panic-talking
or panic-thinking," he said during a press con-
ference on Britain's economic position, which
he described as "fundamentally sound."

Saying that Britain's dollars
were rapidly running out, Mr.
Morrison expressed confidence
that "if world conditions give
us the chance we shall come
through."

In a fervent plea for an ex-
pansionist policy of world trade,
Mr. Morrison emphasised
bluntly that such restrictions as
the recent British import cuts
indicate that "the world is on
a downward path which, if
continued, will end in the
throbbing of world trade,
starvation, and decay."

The Government, Mr. Morri-
son said, was drawing up a
long-term economic plan to
cover from three to five years.
Membership of the new plan-
ning board would be announced
next week.

The Government, he said,
believed in economic expansion,
and judging from Mr. Mar-
shall's speech he thought the
United States also believed in
the economics of expansion.

Unless it was possible to
establish a system of world
trade that will stimulate more
production and more exchange,
Mr. Morrison said, there would
be "a world disaster, from the
effects of which no nation could
contract out."

Coal Position

Reviewing the vital coal
position in Britain, he revealed
that Britain's summer coal
stocks have been built up to
3,500,000 tons. Denying the
allegations that the miners were
loafing, he said that the output
per man shift at the coal
face was higher than a year ago
and practically back up to the
pre-war figure of 2.9 tons.

Coal production for the week
ended June 21 totalled a little
more than 3,900,000 tons, which
is slightly better than the
general average for recent
weeks.

For the first 24 weeks of this
year coal production in Britain
had totalled 94,500,000 tons.
With 28 weeks to go, an official
estimate today put the year's
probable production at between
194,000,000 and 196,000,000

tons, as against the Govern-
ment's target of 200,000,000
tons. It is hoped that the
difference will be covered by
conversion from coal to oil and
from savings of domestic con-
sumers.

Export Estimate

At his conference, Mr. Morri-
son estimated that British
exports this year will fall short
by about £100,000,000 of the
target set in the economic White
Paper, reaching a figure of
about £1,100,000,000.

Summing up the British
position, Mr. Morrison said that
the recent import cuts mean
that "the sky has grown dark
over the world."

"It may be just a passing
downpour, so we have decided
to carry an umbrella. It may
turn out to be a deluge, and
later on we may have to strip
and swim for it. We shall see.
"But it may mean nothing of
the kind—the cloud may lift
and lighten and we may yet get
back to decent weather," he
added.—Reuter.

Mystery Bombs On Village

Easton, July 2.
The Maryland State Po-
lice reported that two
small bombs fell from
an unidentified plane
and one exploded in a
boatyard at the small
fishing village of Wi-
man.

The bomb, estimated as weigh-
ing about 100 lb., fell in the boat-
yard owned by Walter Jones.
He and his son Edwin were in-
jured slightly. A part of the
boatyard main shop was damaged.
One small boat in the shop was
demolished.

The second bomb was dropped
in a field near the village.
The State Police said that
several eye-witnesses reported
seeing a high-flying plane at
about the time the bombs fell. The
plane was flying too high to be
identified.—United Press.

QUESTION ABOUT THE "BLACK MAQUIS"

Paris, July 22.
In the National Assembly to-
day, the Communist deputy,
Maurice Kriegel Valmont, filed
notice of his intention to question
the government concerning the
"Black Maquis" plot against the
French Government.

The afternoon newspaper,
"L'Intransigent," in a long article
entitled "The Truth about the
Black Maquis," claimed that the
plot had been backed by interests
in the United States which sought
to stir up a revolution in France
as the spark for a Third World
War.

These interests, the paper said,
believed such a war inevitable
and sought to provoke it before
the Russians obtained the atomic
bomb.—United Press.

Uproar

Paris, July 2.
The National Assembly was
suspended in an uproar to-
night after Premier Paul
Ramadier charged that Right
Wing Deputies tended to follow
the same line of action as the
extreme Rightist "Black Ma-
quis," which is accused of plot-
ting to overthrow the Fourth
Republic.

Amid a storm of protest from
Right Wing Deputies, M. Rama-
dier turned to them and said:

"There are, gentlemen, some
men who have no confidence in
the Government. We must be
frank. There are, outside this
Chamber, men whose actions
often join yours. Read the
morning papers and you will
see them men who, more or less
madly, organize armed plots."
—United Press.

New York, July 2.
The Salvation Army said today
that Dr. Cleson Richardson and
his wife, Dr. Mary Richardson,
will sail from San Francisco on
July 9 to establish a 70-bed hos-
pital at Young Dong, Korea.—
United Press.

MORAL CRUSADE

New York, July 3.

The Federal Council of
Churches of Christ in
America has adopted a for-
eign policy statement urging
a United States moral crusade
for free society as opposed to
the "Soviet doctrine of a
"police state."

The statement was pre-
pared by the Commission for
a Just and Durable Peace,
headed by the Republican
foreign policy adviser, John
Foster Dulles.—United Press.

DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

Budapest, July 2.

Death sentences on
three Hungarians accus-
ed of an alleged plot
against the Hungarian
Republic were today
commuted to imprison-
ment by the Hungarian
High Court of Appeal.

The sentence of death on
General Lajos Veres de Delnon,
alleged to be one of the leaders
of the plot, was commuted to 15
years hard labour.

Dr. Georg Donath, a former
deputy, had his death sentence
remitted although he had not
appealed for a pardon.

The death sentence on General
Andras was commuted to ten
years hard labour.

The sentence of life and hard
labour imposed on General
Szepmilkofsky was confirmed by
the Court, but the life sentence
on Balint Arany, an engineer,

Woolton Attacks Food Plan

London, July 2.

Lord Woolton, war-
time Minister of Food,
told the Conservative
Women's Conference to-
day that the Labour
Government's food po-
licy would ruin Eng-
land's agriculture and
land and cause addition-
al distress to the house-
wife.

He urged a return to balanced
rotation farming to recharge Eng-
lish farmland with fertility
drained during the war by
emergency farming measures.

He said Mr. Streech's scheme
to buy from behind the "Iron
Curtain" would not work unless
feed grain was exported to Po-
land, Hungary, Yugoslavia and
Rumania for their livestock.

Lord Woolton summed up the
Labour Government's policy
thus:—

"We are expected to export
manufactured goods, which the
people of this country need so
badly in their homes, in order
that European countries can ex-
port food to us which our own
farmers could provide."—United
Press.

was reduced to 12 years.

The five men were among the
13 Hungarians tried on charges
of conspiracy to overthrow the
Hungarian Government.

The trial began on February
27 and lasted more than six
weeks.

Only three of the thirteen
were sentenced to death—the
three whose sentences were
commuted today.—Reuter.

Police Strong Arm Squad Broken

Jerusalem, July 3.

A secret "strong-arm" squad of the Palestine po-
lice, whose existence was disclosed with the
arrest of Major Roy Farran a month ago, has
virtually been broken up, reliable private
sources within the police disclosed on Wed-
nesday.

Farran, war hero and reputed
squad leader in the group, was
picked up in Syria and brought
back to Palestine and charged
with the "wilful murder" of
Alexander Rubowitz, claimed by
the Stern gang as a member. He
is in Army custody at Sarafand
Camp awaiting court martial.

Though both the military and
civil authorities have given out
little information, the case has
brought to light an unorthodox
group of war-seasoned officers,
loyal to the police to use their
Commando experience against the
Stern gang and Irgun Zvai

Leumi, Jewish underground ex-
tremist organizations.

In Civics

Twelve-man squads, usually in
civilian clothes and driving
civilian cars, were formed to
prowl Jewish quarters outside
the security zone of Jerusalem
and Haifa as well as in the all-
Jewish city of Tel Aviv.

Reliable sources say they be-
lieve a group of some three dozen
members was organized after
consultation between London and
Jerusalem about four months ago.
—Associated Press.



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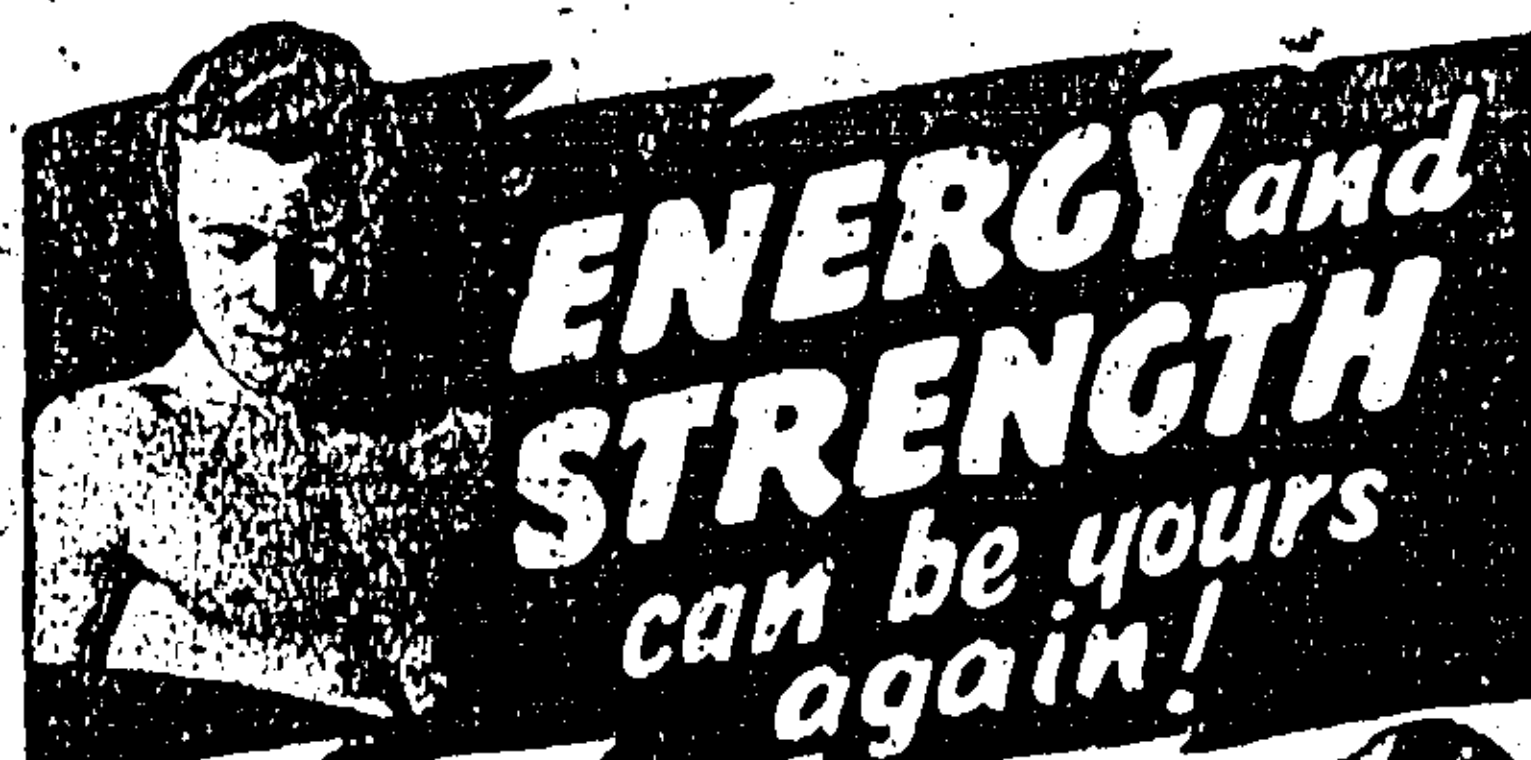
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TALK AND DISASTER

While talk, and then more talk, goes on about re-housing people, sometimes they die in the collapse of unprepared bomb-damaged property where they have no legal right. Sometimes, as in yesterday's disaster in Wellington Street, they meet terrible death in the swift integration of a flimsy worn-out structure that has long demanded to be condemned as dangerous. Yesterday's tragedy ranks as by far the worst for some time, but more than a dozen collapses have already occurred this year, and in every case without exception, the cause has been misadventure, due to exceptionally heavy rain. It would be more proper to say that they are due to a lack of an adequate system of control and inspection, to failure on the part of the authorities to carry out an unwritten but authentic contract with the public to protect them from death by landlords' neglect. Rains do not cause houses to collapse. Rains touch off a disaster that has been imminent for months or even years, due to causes readily detected in any proper inspection: white ants, decomposition, or both. The Public Works Department and landlords who are prepared to collect rents until their property literally falls down share the responsibility. Heavy rains and their immediate effect merely cloud and confuse the real issue. Nor does the acute housing shortage offer any defence. The man who suffers loss of wife and family in a housing collapse does not think much of an arrangement that authorities soft-heartedness towards owners of dangerous property because he and his family, alive and well, might experience difficulty in finding alternative accommodation. This wrong is being aggravated by every hour that is spent in fruitless debate on housing. In a sense, if it had to happen, it was perhaps apt that the Wellington Street disaster should have occurred on the day that the Unofficial Members of Council elected to combine to launch a sharp and justified attack upon Government's failure to deal with the housing crisis. Significantly, however, nothing was said about the urgency of a programme of slum clearance, though the necessity for drastic measures was recognised more than ten years ago. The Wellington Street property which collapsed was of a nature and age typical of large areas of the city; has long required to be condemned out of hand. Council members concentrated their attack upon the supposedly iniquitous terms laid down by Government for renewal of the 75-year leases. The clash between Government and the Unofficials was partially on housing generally, but it contained also a very large share of clash between Government and vested interests. For the vast bulk of this Colony's population it meant nothing at all; the ultimate decision on the 75-year leases is of less than academic interest. For them, the points at issue could have been thrashed out in private, without provoking complaints about back-door arrangements. Regarding Government's failure about construction of new residential property, they feel and think differently. They have long demonstrated their capacity for patience. Now they are discovering that the bargain has been strictly one-sided—that the Government to which they looked for programmes, plans and policies seems incapable of exerting the drive and initiative, and that land leaseholders are content to haggle until they get their own terms. And while they, both of them, talk, people die.

A London Letter

The English Scene Is Coming Back Again

By JOHN SHIPTON.

Visitors from overseas—and there are quite a number these sunny days—notice detail that escape the usually alert eyes of London's eight millions or so. A friend of mine just arrived from Cairo told me the other day he was shocked at the shabby appearance of some of the capital's most famous buildings, not excluding even Buckingham Palace, and suggested that a dab of paint here and there would add a little colour and brightness. An attempt, I am told, is being made to smarten some of London's biggest buildings and showplaces, but even so it will be many months before the capital can show anything like its pre-war face. In the meantime, however, the English scene is coming back again. There are age-old ceremonies, anniversaries, customs handed down through the centuries and innumerable fairs and exhibitions arranged for the coming months. Yet, pomp and pageantry, the blaring of the bugles and the jungle of harness, the lances, swords, flags, and hunting, with frequent Royal appearances, to give a thrill to our overseas friends and at the same time show that the old country is rapidly recovering from her war wounds.

Momentous Week

Britain's colourful ceremonies have started as I write, with a momentous week—the Trooping of the Colour at Buckingham Palace, the Richmond Horse Show, the Royal Tournament at Olympia and Princess Elizabeth driving through the city to the Guildhall to receive the Freedom of London. Later will come the assembling of the Home Fleet for a naval review, the unveiling of the Battle of Britain memorial by King George VI, the Royal Henley Regatta, the Elgar Musical Festival, the International Horse Show, and in sport, the Amateur Athletic Championships and the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis championships.

I was privileged to have a close-up view of Princess Elizabeth in her two recent official engagements—the Guildhall Ceremony and the Trooping of the Colour. Londoners, who love their thousands when then Princess drove to the Guildhall. She wore a light blue dress, patterned with white, grey, and black puppies and the smile she bestowed on her subjects was as charming and sunny as the day.

Longest Speech

The Princess told a distinguished Guildhall audience, which included her sister, Princess Margaret, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr. Attlee and members of the Cabinet that she was proud to be a Londoner. During the longest speech she has yet made the Princess reminded her listeners that the City of London had inspired and provided the means of carrying out some of the most adventurous exploits ever recorded and the spirit of determination it cultivated in

times of peace enabled it to endure steadfastly the destruction of enemy bombardment. Thanking the Lord Mayor, Sir Bracewell Smith, for a piece of jewellery presented to her as a memento, the Princess said: "I shall always treasure it for the memories of this happy day that it enshrines. You have given it me as a token of your loyalty and trust. I accept it as a pledge of my devotion and my duty, which, with the help of God, I will maintain all my life." The Freedom of the City of London, incidentally, has been voted to only two other women—the Bareness Burdett-Coutts in 1872 and to Florence Nightingale—and is the greatest honour the city can offer.

Unofficial Holiday

Two days later our busy Princess, wearing a specially designed uniform of the Grenadier Guards, made her first ceremonial appearance on horseback when she rode from Buckingham Palace to the Horse Guards for the Trooping of the Colour ceremony. Londoners, of course, made this the excuse for an unofficial holiday. They saw the King riding down the Mall, followed by Princess Elizabeth, riding side-saddle on a beautiful chestnut horse, and the Duke of Gloucester, with the Queen, accompanied by Princess Margaret, the Duchess of Gloucester, and her young son, Prince William, in an open landau behind. It was the first Trooping of the Colour ceremony for seven years and the crowds again turned out in force to give the great cheer yet since the Royal family returned from their triumphal South African tour. More than 2,000 of the King's men—"as it drawn with a ruler"—were on parade on Horse Guards Parade, but the ceremony lacked the usual display of colour for the Guards were khaki battle dress.

I was favoured, too, with a preview of the Royal Tournament at Olympia, which it is expected will be seen by more than 300,000 before it concludes on June 28th.

Old Pageantry

The Royal Tournament was opened by the King on the same day as the Trooping of the Colour ceremony. All the old pageantry was there—the King's horses, the King's men, and the King's machines. There were clowns and trick riders, drill displays like a Cochran chorus, with the Navy, Army, and Air Force putting on a show that would put Zeigfeld to shame. Yes, the great field gun competitions, circus stunts on motor cycles by men of the Royal Corps of Signals, riding displays, toy soldiers and real sailors, with more than a little colour provided by that grand body of men from Chelsea's Royal Hospital. What a pity

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By Shepard Barclay

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Who ever heard of 3-No Trumps being bid as a sacrifice? The idea seems so grotesque that you can hardly imagine a situation in which it would pay. But, like most other illogical things which the human mind can imagine, that can really happen and has happened in several cases on record. In fact, one case in a duplicate game affords proof that the bid paid dividends, as the scores at other tables were available to show what occurred where the bid was not made.

S. J 10 8 6 5 4
H. 5
D. K J 9 8 4
C. J

S. K 3
H. J 7 6 3
D. A 8 7 3
C. 6 5 2

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2. 2 H	Dbl.	Pass	2 S
3. 3 C	Dbl.	Pass	3 S
4. 4 C	Dbl.	Pass	4 S
5. 5 C	Dbl.	Pass	5 S
6. 6 C	Dbl.	Pass	6 S
7. 7 C	Dbl.	Pass	7 S
8. 8 C	Dbl.	Pass	8 S
9. 9 C	Dbl.	Pass	9 S
10. 10 C	Dbl.	Pass	10 S
11. 11 C	Dbl.	Pass	11 S
12. 12 C	Dbl.	Pass	12 S

There you see the bidding at three of the tables in a big duplicate game among players of assorted abilities. At every table but one the contract was either 2-Spades or 3-Diamonds with West's hand?

North as declarer. Each contract was made, giving the side 60 points for tricks plus the 50 bonus allowed for making a part-score contract or a total of 110.

North and South were really in line for a top score after West's double of 3-Diamonds at Table 3, until East took out into 3-No Trumps. South decided to lead a spade and in consequence East secured eight tricks—three in clubs, two in hearts, two in diamonds, and one in spades—going down only one trick. That gave his North-South opponents only 100 points, the least made by any pair playing in the same direction.

One peculiarity of the bidding is that every East-West pair had a chance to get into 3-Hearts, which might have been made with the loss of two tricks in trumps and one each in the minors, but nobody reached that spot.

Tomorrow's Problem
S. 8 6 2
H. Q J 10 9 3 2
D. None
C. A 10 2

S. A Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
H. 4 3 2
D. 3 2
C. K J 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

S. None
H. 8 7 6 5
D. K J 10 7 6 5 4
C. 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

(Dealer: West, East-West vulnerable.)
What are the arguments for and against a dealer opening bid on West's hand?

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"He didn't exactly give her an engagement ring, but he gave her the boxtop to send in for it!"

Witnesses Testify For Doctor

The bottles of injection medicines given her by Dr. Lim on May 22, and for which she paid \$25.50, were purchased by the doctor at her request, testified Leung Sam at the resumed hearing of the charge of obtaining a \$3 bribe from Wong Yau-shing on May 22, against Dr. Lim Eik-Quee heard before Mr. W.H. Latimer yesterday.

Mr. Marcus da Silva appeared for the defence, while Mr. F.F.W. Shaflin, SSE, assisted by DS1 V.M. Morrison, prosecuted.

In her evidence, Leung stated that she heard Dr. Lim telling a coolie, identified as Ho Lung, to return the \$3 found on his desk to the patient who had just left.

She did not see Dr. Lim again after May 22 until May 26, although she called at the Dispensary every day. On that date, she said, he gave her an injection and told her that injections would, in future, be given her by the nurse.

Evidence was also given by Lau Wai-mun and Lo Hung as to the system employed at the Dispensary.

The cross examination of Leung Sam will start at 11.30 a.m. on July 9.

The charge of conspiring to demand money from patients and prospective patients at the Shamshui Public Dispensary against both Dr. Lim and Ho Chui, coolie, will be heard on July 10.

Bail Of \$10,000 Estimated

When informed by Inspector W.M. Dinkin that Revenue Officer Chan Hon-keung could not be found, Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday ordered the defendant's bail of \$10,000 cash to be estimated and that a warrant be issued for his arrest.

Chan was due to appear on the charges of conspiring with Yau Chik-wan on June 14 to import opium into the Colony, and with accepting a bribe of \$2,000 from Yau.

When Chan's bail was estimated, Mr. F.F.W. Shaflin informed His Worship that the charge against Yau might be withdrawn when the case comes up for hearing on July 22. Yau is represented by Mr. Marcus da Silva.

Economic Scheme Reviewed

Nanking, July 3. Premier Chang Chun's new economic plan was subjected to a most critical review by the National Economic Council with many members trying to inject amendments into the plan and Kuomintang Minister of Organisation Chen Li-fu almost single-handedly upholding its original provisions, it was reliably reported today.

The debate, described as the stormiest ever seen in the Council, resulted in the amending of two of the plan's provisions despite the fight put up by Chen Li-fu, original drafter of the plan.

Three of the plan's provisions reviewed at yesterday's session were: (1) government should grant large loans on liberal terms for agricultural and industrial production to encourage exports; (2) government should extend the rationing system to all civil servants and army personnel; (3) government should establish a bank in every helen (local district) in China as the foundation for the country's financial system.

Regarding the first point most members contended that the granting of loans on such a scale might lead to increased inflation. Chen, however, argued that loans granted for production will not add to the inflation and pointed out the plan requires repayments of loans with agricultural and industrial products.

Finally, the opposition succeeded in pushing through an amendment setting a ceiling for the aggregate amount of loans with certain strict approval strings.

Ration System

The second provision was also rewritten to provide for implementation of a rationing system only in cities where prices are highest and where there are most civil servants and army personnel. It was held that government still was not in a position to sustain a nationwide rationing system.

As for the helen banking system, many members, especially Pan Hui-lun, Vice-Minister of Economic Affairs, submitted that the establishment of a bank in every one of over 2,000 helen might land China in a position of a bank-heavy country.

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He said the IRO would give the world a new reason to believe that no problem is beyond cooperative settlement.—United Press.

DOGS ON BEACHES

The attention of the Public is drawn to Ordinance No. 29 of 1939, which regulates pleasure grounds, bathing places and places of public resort. Under the first schedule to the Ordinance, and by Regulation 1 (2) of the Bathing Places Regulations, made thereunder, dogs are prohibited upon the beach and in the water over or near the beach.

The reason for bringing this matter to the notice of the public is so as to invite their cooperation in avoiding the spread of rabies, which is an ever prevalent danger in the Colony. Beaches are crowded in the summer months, and a rabid dog could do untold harm besides being a very grave danger.

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Machinery For Tin Mines In Malaya

London, July 2. An assurance that the Government would continue to do all it could to promote the production and early despatch to Malaya of the machinery needed there for the tin mining industry was given in the House of Commons today by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones.

He was replying to a question by Wing Commander Ronald Robinson, Conservative, who asked for an assurance that, despite the requirements of labour and machinery involved by the new schemes for colonial development, nothing would be done to diminish the priority being given at present to the production and despatch of the machinery urgently required for the increased production of tin in Malaya.

Answering a similar question by Mr. Price White, Conservative, who asked what communications had been addressed to him by the Malayan Government, Mr. Creech Jones replied: "I am aware that the time taken to deliver equipment from this country is delaying the rehabilitation of the industry. All possible measures are being taken to expedite delivery."

Pensions

Captain Gammans, Conservative, asked when the Minister expected a reply from the Malayan Government regarding any increase in pensions to colonial servants, and if he was aware of the hardship now being caused to many colonial pensioners in view of the increasing cost of living.

Mr. Creech Jones replied: "Particulars of the increase introduced in this country by the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1947, and invitation to review the schemes of increase applicable to pensioners of their Governments in the light of the United Kingdom increases were sent to the Governors of the Malayan Union and Singapore on April 25."

"I cannot say when the Governors will be in a position to reply, but it is to be expected that the Governments concerned will require some little time yet to consider the matter. I appreciate, of course, that the increased cost of living imposes hardship on many colonial pensioners as on other people with fixed incomes."—Reuter.

STATE OF U.S. RESOURCES

Washington, July 2. The state of United States resources in the light of future aid programmes to Europe and the Far East will be handed to President Truman in an initial Government report in about a month's time.

Mr. William Warren, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, said that officials of the Department of the Interior, Agriculture and Commerce were conferring with State Department experts and members of President Truman's National Economic Council in the working out of the report.—Reuter.

General Pai Gets CB.

Nanking, July 3. General Pai Chung-hai, Minister of National Defence, was today decorated with the insignia of the Companion of the Bath.

The British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, made the presentation on behalf of the British Government.

The citation read during the brief ceremony at the British Embassy: "General Pai, as Deputy Chief of Staff during the war, was unsurpassed in his efforts to give the maximum cooperation with the British forces, with the respect of all British officers and by his zeal contributed measurably to the defeat of the Japanese and the strengthening of Sino-British relations."—Reuter.

Gold Movement Ban Explained

Three reasons underlying Government's ban on the import and export of gold bullion were given by Mr. Eric Himsworth, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, at the hearing of the charge of importing 71 ounces gold bullion brought against Lam Sik, 36, unemployed, by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Himsworth said that the Chinese Government had appealed to the local authorities for assistance in checking the outflow of bullion from China.

The second reason was that the free movement of gold constituted a great danger, and might cause considerable damage to the Sterling bloc.

The third, was that Hong Kong had to abide by the agreement arrived at Bretton Woods respecting International Monetary Fund.

Mr. Himsworth said that ten bars were found concealed in the bottom of a jar of bean curd. A Chinese Revenue officer's suspicions were aroused by the weight of the jar.

A search of the accused's person revealed another two small bars inside a specially made girdle.

Easily Hidden

For some months, it was known that gold bars were being smuggled into the Colony but to find them was difficult. The two bars found in the girdle, went on Mr. Himsworth, could easily be hidden in the palm of a man's hand or even up his sleeve. But these same bars would be worth a considerable sum. The total value of the 4 lb. 7 oz. seized was, at the Black Market rate, \$16,000. Even at the Bank of England rate it would be in the region of \$9,500 to \$10,000.

Mr. Himsworth asked the Court to take a very serious view of the case, to impose an exemplary penalty and to order the confiscation of the gold bars.

Defendant, from the dock, said that he obtained the bars as payment for land he sold. Due to floods, he lost everything and was forced to sell his land. The gold bars represented his life savings.

His Worship declared that he did not feel inclined to consider the accused a common courier, and that he thought it would be a "terrible penalty to have a man's whole life savings confiscated." He adjourned the case for 48 hours to have the defendant's story checked.

New Bills Read

At yesterday's session of the Legislative Council, presided over by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Mr. D. M. MacDougall, C.M.G.), two new Bills were read a first time.

The Hon. Attorney-General introducing the Bill entitled "The Chinese Collaboration (Surrender) Ordinance, 1947," said the object of the Bill was fully set out in the Objects and Reasons attached to the Bill and did not require further elaboration.

Introducing the second Bill entitled "Trading with the Enemy Ordinance, 1947," the Attorney General said the Trading with the Enemy Ordinance 1914, which was the ordinance under amendment, was itself amended in 1939 so as to make it coincide with the Trading with the Enemy Act 1939 of the United Kingdom. As the war progressed the Act was amended from time to time, and corresponding amendments were made to the Hong Kong Ordinance until 1941, when the outbreak of the Pacific War made a continuance of this process impossible.

In 1944 the English Act was amended by Defence Regulations so as to provide for the extension in effect of the definition occurring in that Act, which definition precluded the application of the trading with the Act to enemy countries which have become or would become occupied by His Majesty or an Allied Power.

This change, which took place in England in 1944, was not effected in Hong Kong in relation with its Trading with the Enemy Ordinance; and the present Bill was to give effect to this change to the Hong Kong Ordinance which extends to enemy countries which are now in the occupation of His Majesty or of a power allied to His Majesty.

Upon the enactment of the Bill it will become possible for orders to be made, if and when necessary, by the Governor which will progressively restore trading relations with enemy countries.

Both motions were seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary and carried unanimously.

The Midwives Amendment Ordinance 1947, which was introduced in Council a fortnight ago, passed into law yesterday.

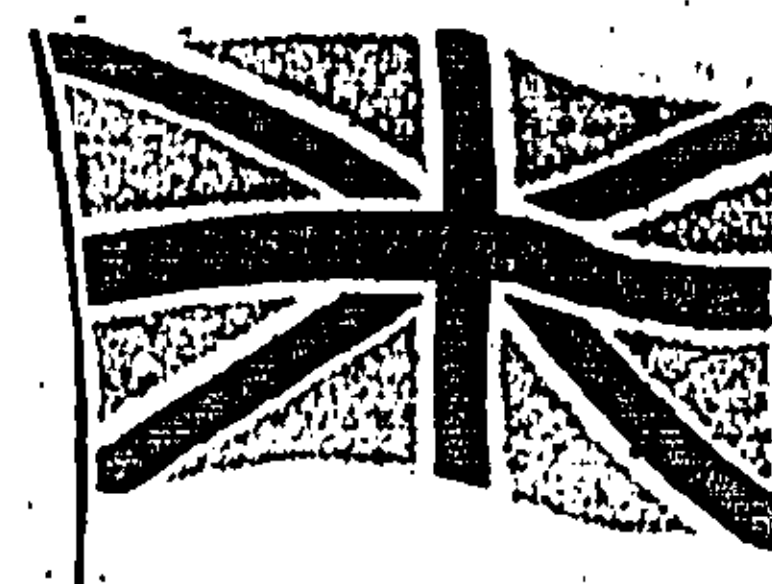
Funeral

Mrs. E. R. Wild

The remains of the late Mrs. Ethel Reda Wild, wife of Mr. R. H. Wild of the South British Insurance Co., and who died at St. Paul's Hospital on Wednesday, were laid to rest at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

The service at the Chapel and graveside was performed by the Rev. J. C. Sandbach.

It was in 1929 that the late Mrs. Wild first came to Hong Kong. She was in Manila at the time of the outbreak of the Pacific War and was interned at that port by the Japanese. She returned to Hong Kong in October last. Wreaths were sent by Mother and Daddy, Freda and Tommy, Owen and Alex, and Mr. and Mrs. James, Mrs. and Mr. Arthur, Douglas Clark, Mr. and Mrs. N.R. Mehta, Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Lind, J.L. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. F.C.J. de Ridder, Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodward, Staff, South British Insurance Co., H. Wile, Mr. and Mrs. G. Halberg, D. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Blum, The Yau, Lucy Tse, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, Charles, and Ellen. Medley, Management and Staff, Republic Day Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. J.A.D. Morrison, H.B. Rathbone, C. Co., International Sports Co., Hille and Gertz, Mr. and Mrs. P.K. Pardi, Miss H. P. Pardi, W.B. Tse, Mr. and Mrs. M. Park, Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Prosser, Mr. Shu-yuen, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Combs.



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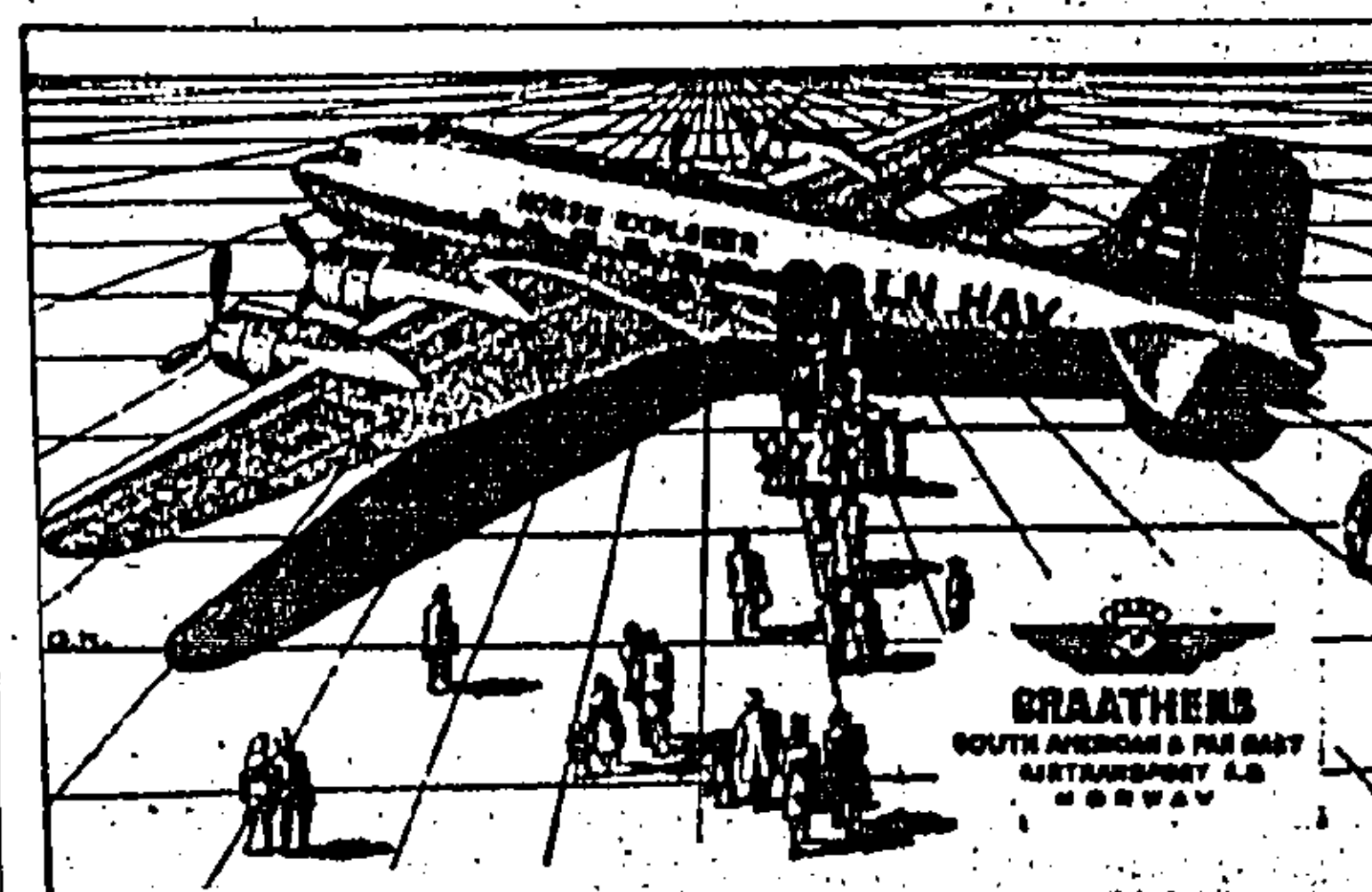
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BURNED BABY TO DEATH

La Porte, Indiana, July 2.

A voluntary statement by a 26-year-old woman that she burned to death her newborn baby almost a year ago sent the deputy sheriff on a search for the body on a farm near here.

The sheriff, Vernon Reed, said Mrs. Margaret Miller signed a confession that she put her baby daughter in a blue blanket,

saturated it with petrol and touched a match to it.

The woman said the baby's father was her stepson, 18-year-old James Miller. She admitted intimacies with James, the son by a former marriage of her husband, Alfred Miller, 42.

Reed said that no charges have been filed. He said he is searching for the remains of the baby.

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University Course On Social Study

The short summer course on Social Study recently announced by the University opens on Monday. Enrolment has been proceeding steadily, and includes members of the general public as well as workers in the social services.

The response encourages the hope that in due course it may be possible to institute a full certificate curriculum in social subjects at the University, which would not only serve the needs of professional social workers, but also fulfil a wider purpose of civic education.

Classes in Social Economics (on Mondays and Fridays at 4 p.m.) will be conducted by Prof. Robertson, who will also give a short course on Social Institutions (alternate Tuesdays at 4 p.m.).

The central course, Modern Developments in Social Welfare, will be given, in conjunction, by Miss Scott Moncrieff, M.B.E., Secretary of the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council, (formerly Assistant Secretary to the National Council of Social Services in Great Britain), Miss M. Watson, M.B.E., Almoner, Queen Mary Hospital, and Mr. G. B. Endicott, Lecturer in History at the University. This course will be on Wednesdays and Fridays at 5 p.m.

A series of lectures on Nutrition will be given (on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.) by Dr. W. G. Eggleston; the importance of this subject for local social welfare work makes its inclusion essential even in a short social study course.

A descriptive course on the Social Services in Hong Kong (Thursdays) will be given by a group of lecturers eminently qualified to speak on the respective topics. Mr. T. R. Rowell will deal with Education, Dr. K. C. Yeo with Medical Services, Mr. C. J. Norman with Juvenile Delinquency, Mrs. M. Barker with Child Welfare, Dr. F. I. Tseung with Voluntary Organizations. It is also intended to round off the course with a survey of social legislation in Hong Kong.

Those who have enrolled are reminded that the lectures will be given in the Tang Chi Ngong Building of the University, 90 Bonham Road (commencing at 4 p.m. on Monday) where timetables and announcements will be posted.

John-Patrik Gillan, Able Seaman of H.M.S. "Gambin," who had been commanded for one week by Mr. d'Almada on July 2, was brought before Mr. d'Almada yesterday at the Central Magistracy and discharged.

The police withdrew a charge against him of manslaughter.

POLICE RESERVE ORDER

Charge Room Notice: Members of No. 1 Company will parade for Charge Room Duty as detailed by the O.C. No. 1 Company, Dress: Khaki shirt and shorts; White and Laundry; Cap: Belt; Hose; Ties; Anklets and boots.

Band Practice: Band practice under Mr. W. P. Apple (Bandmaster) will be held as usual at the HKVDC (B) Headquarters every Wednesday and Saturday at 10.00 hours and 11.00 hours respectively as ordered.

Notice: Details: Members detailed from No. 1 Company to do Traffic Duty on Sunday, July 6, 1947, will perform their work in 4 shifts, as from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. They will report for duty as detailed by their Company Commander.

Training in Part II: Lectures in Police Regulations will be held at the Headquarters every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 3.30 hours. The new class for New Recruits will start on Tuesday, July 8, 1947 at 5.30 p.m. at the P.B. Headquarters. All new recruits are requested to attend without fail.

By Order,
(Sd.) M. G. NOLAN,
Adjutant, P.B.

Reminder To Drivers

A Police notification is published elsewhere in this paper reminding all Drivers and Vehicle Owners that their licences are due for renewal as from July 1, 1947. It also shows the licence fees for drivers and different types of vehicles.

All holders of licences to drive motor vehicles, if they have not already done so, must produce two passport-size photographs at the time of applying for the renewal of their driver's licences.

A warning is also given that all applications for renewal of licences must be made before July 31, 1947, after which action against persons not in possession of valid licences may be taken.

HKVDC ORDERS

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel H. Owen Hughes, Acting Commandant, H.K.V.D. Corps. Order No. 22/47, dated July 2, 1947:

Hong Kong Services Rifle Association: Practice Shoots will be held on Saturday, July 5, and Sunday, July 6. Launch times: Saturday: Queen's Pier Dep. 14.10 for East Pier, Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon Dep. 14.40 for East Pier, Stonecutters. East Pier, Stonecutters Return 15.30 for Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon and Queen's Pier.

Part 2 Orders. Order No. 24/47—Arrival: 2.55 P.M. Arnold, G.A. Arrival in Hong Kong on 11/5/47. 2. Strength: 4,998. Sgt. Tolan, D. Forrest, Signals, w.e.f. 30/4/47; 1,480. 1. Order: Loo Tuen Huen, 1st Battery, w.e.f. 30/4/47; Pte. Hodge, 5. Stanley Platoon, w.e.f. 30/4/47.

(Sd.) J. WESTON, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

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Highly satisfactory trading, resulting in a net profit of over a million dollars, was reported for the second post-war trading period of 10 months ending Feb. 28, 1947, of Messrs. Lane Crawford Ltd. This was revealed at the 21st ordinary general meeting of shareholders held yesterday at Exchange Building.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. F. C. Barry, and he was supported by Messrs. R. A. Dastur, R. Johannesen and S. T. Williamson (Directors) and Mr. A. W. Brown, O.B.E. (General Manager).

Opening the meeting the Chairman said in part:-
"The profit and loss account shows a credit balance of \$1,461,546.21 which has been transferred to the Appropriation Account and, together with the balance of \$823,081.77 brought forward from April 30th, 1946, leaves the resultant credit of \$1,984,627.98 to be dealt with. A rehabilitation grant to the Staff, representing a payment of six months' basic salary at 1941 rates to those members who rejoined the Company after the War, amounting to \$25,895, has been debited against this, as also has the interim distribution of \$150,000 of profit to shareholders in December last. Also is shown the proposed final distribution for the period involving \$225,000, leaving \$1,583,732.98 carried to the balance sheet."

Prior to commenting on the Balance Sheet I should draw attention to the reference appearing thereon to the Subsidiary Company in October last the Company acquired a controlling interest in Wm. Powell Ltd., as you are aware, a well known and old established firm of tailors and men's outfitters, which, pending regarding its former premises, is carrying on business in conjunction with our men's wear department in the Exchange Building.

Claim Against Military

"Our investment in the subsidiary company referred to is represented by 21,336 Shares, whilst the other investment comprises shares of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. Both these companies show an appreciable market value surplus over cost. The claim against the Military Authorities remains unpaid, but it is hoped settlement will be forthcoming in the near future. Stocks, including goods in transit, shown at the relatively high figure of \$1,295,249.92, are in keeping with current turnover, and we must resign ourselves in present circumstances to such a high level of Capital. Several of our departments are still under stocked, due to short supplies and protracted deliveries. Adequate provision has been made for depreciation whilst the contingency reserve is considered ample enough to cover any possible deterioration or downward trend in market value. Sundry debtors, payments in advance and debit balances show an increase of some \$350,000 over the last reported figure, this being accounted for by the extending of credit facilities generally."

"On the Liabilities side of the balance sheet you will note that expenditure on rehabilitation and replacing fixed assets during the period under review amounted to \$83,145.38. The difficulties of procurement of machinery items preclude our bakery department, our principal cause for concern, from benefiting from the rehabilitation measures considered so necessary."

Kowloon Branch
"A note on the balance sheet states that no provision has been made in respect of interest on loan account and overdraft over the War period, and it may also be remarked that no appropriation has been made for profits tax. At this stage your Directors think nothing should be done in this regard and recommend holding profits at credit until a clearer indication of actual requirements is known."

"As you no doubt will have observed, alterations are in progress in our main store which will afford our patrons better shopping facilities whilst soon we shall be re-opening a branch in Kowloon for the benefit of our patrons resident there which will offer the same food section services as our Main Store."

The chairman then proposed the following Resolution:-
"That the Report of the Company's Directors and the Accounts for the financial period ended 28th February, 1947, as presented, be adopted, and that the balance standing to the credit of Profit and Loss Account be appropriated as follows, namely:
Payment of a Final Dividend of \$1.00 per Share and a Bonus of \$2.00 per Share \$ 225,000.00
Carry forward to next Account 1,583,732.98
Mr. N.V.A. Croucher, seconding the resolution, said in part:-
"Our Company is in a very healthy condition and the various appropriations will no doubt meet with the approval of all shareholders. I note that no provisions have been made to cover interest on loan or overdraft during the war years nor has a sum been set aside to provide for corporation profits tax and I respectfully suggest it would have been prudent to take these items into account, during the year under review."The Chairman, referring to the absence of any provision for corporation profits tax, said the balance of one and a half millions carried forward should be quite ample to take care of that at a later stage.
The motion was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.
Mr. B.C. Tavadi then proposed the re-election of the retiring Director, Mr. S.T. Williamson. This was seconded by Mr. F.A. Xavier and carried unanimously.
Messrs. Lowe Bingham & Matthews were reappointed auditors of the Company on the proposal of Mr. H.W. Randall, seconded by Mr. Croucher.
Shareholders present were Messrs. N.V.A. Croucher, B.C. Tavadi, F.A. Xavier, H.W. Randall and J.M. Nolasco da Silva.**Money Market**

After a jump to \$310.25 a ton at yesterday's heavy all-day trading, gold suddenly took a sharp turn and went on a nose dive down to \$308.50. Sudden heavy selling pressure was the cause of the change. The slide was checked and at the close the price was \$309 a ton, with fluctuations within narrow limits. Operations at \$100 a ton it went down to \$107.5 but recovered to \$102. At the close it was \$107.

There was a further improvement in Chinese National Currency, and rates closed at 14 1/4 cents for futures and 15 1/2 cents for spot (for C.N.S.1000).
U.S. dollars spurted to \$4.80. Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$13.20 and \$12.52 respectively.**WAR MEMORIAL FUND**

Subscriptions received on July 3:

China Light & Power Co. Ltd.	\$25,000.00
Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	10,000.00
Mr. D. J. Sloan	750.00
Mr. & Mrs. Elton Potter	500.00
Messrs. William Hunt & Company Federal Inc., U.S.A.	200.00
Mr. Horace Lo	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Maynard	100.00
In memory of the late Mr. J. Kempton: Mr. & Mrs. J. Crockett	\$25. Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Fincher \$10 =
60.00	
Total	\$38,810.00
H.K. Govt. Contribution	\$8,100.00
Received to 2/7/47	1,194,038.30
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London, July 2.

Mr. Thomas Skeffington-Lodge (Lab.) today said he would ask the House of Commons next Tuesday whether it would consider the purchase of more newsprint at the expense of some less important commodity. He said he would ask the question "in the interests of adequate presentation of news of local, national and international importance, and also to meet the needs of advertisers."—United Press.

CITY HOUSES COLLAPSE(Continued from Page 1)
demolished adjoining house is devoid of roof, floors, and front. What remains standing has been propped up with wooden beams which have also been used on the adjoining No. 16 as a precaution.**60 Years Old**

An inspection of the debris showed that the woodwork of the collapsed houses was white-ant-eaten and the mortar between the bricks in a state of crumbling. Neighbours claimed that the whole block of 17 houses was more than 60 years old.

Inmates of the ill-fated houses told the "China Mail" reporter that each floor had housed more than 20 people. The monthly rental for each floor was \$50 which was paid to an agent of the owner whose name they did not know.

Since the beginning of the year there have been several house collapses resulting in a number of fatal casualties. Most of these accidents occurred either partly demolished houses or houses under reconstruction. Following is a detailed list.

Previous CollapsesJan. 12; No. 18, Tung Man Street, 1st Floor. One dead and one injured.
Jan. 13; Nos. 9 & 11, Peel Street, 3rd Floor. No casualties.
May 24; No. 17, Ship Street. One dead, one injured.
April 22; No. 593, Reclamation Street. One injured.
May 17; No. 19, Kwong Ming Street. Four women and three men injured; One man dead.
May 27; No. 37, Lower Lasar Row, 2nd Floor; One woman and one man injured.
May 31; No. 63, Peel Street, 2nd Floor. One woman injured.
June 6; Demolished house opposite Yee Yuk Street. One killed. Wai Tak Lane, off Wellington Street. No casualties.
June 7; Nos. 12 and 14 Reclamation Street. Three dead including a two-year-old boy and an 11-year-old girl.
June 28; Nos. 1 and 2, Ng Fook Lane, off Eastern Street. Seven men and two women injured. One woman killed.
Whether there will be a public inquiry into yesterday's tragedy is not known.**ST. ANDREW'S FUND**The following Donations, received since the publication of the last list are gratefully acknowledged:-
Dr. and Mrs. Begbie \$100. Women's Guild \$88.40. Anonymous \$100. Mr. and Mrs. H. Gittins \$100. The "Star" Ferry Co. Ltd. \$1,000. Mr. and Mrs. D. Pasmore \$10. Mrs. M. Banker \$20. Mrs. B.K. Yip \$20. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. \$20. Mr. Douglas S. Green \$30. His Honour Mr. Justice T. J. Gould \$50. Mr. Norman Broadbridge \$30. Kowloon Residents' Association \$100. Mr. F.C. Mow Fung \$50. B.P.H. American Tobacco Co. Ltd. \$50. Mr. W.R.N. Andrews \$50. Dr. Charles J. Harth \$20. Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Skinner \$30. Mr. E. Abraham \$25. Mr. R. Leigh \$10. Mr. P.C. Hopkins \$10. Mr. S. Temple \$10. Mr. A.J. Kow \$10. Mr. S.C. Wong \$25. Mr. D.C. Weir \$25. Capt. H.W. Close \$10. Mr. V. Chain \$10. Mr. F.R. Zimmerman \$20. Mr. V.C. Labrousse \$20. Mr. L.R. Burell \$20. Mr. E.C. Fincher \$10. Mr. J.G. Humble \$120. Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Horden \$30. Gramophone Record \$20. Miss Ruby Mow Fung \$50. Mr. T.W. Wheeler \$100. Messrs. Mollers (H.K.) Ltd. \$50. Total to date \$12,938.40.**MURDER CHARGE**

One week's formal remand was requested by the prosecution and granted by Mr. Springall at Central yesterday when Yiu Hui-long appeared in charge of murdering a 9-year-old boy at 23, Che Lan Terrace on May 11. The child was the son of accused husband's concubine and when he was found had his head almost severed.

Leung Hung, 30, unemployed of 20 Gough Street, second floor was fined \$1,500 or four months imprisonment by Mr. d'Almeida at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to charges of keeping an opium den and possession of raw and prepared opium. The premises were raided by N.O. Humphreys on July 2.

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